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Ramparts Translates Diary —Bolivian Notes Coming

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The interest of magazine and book publishers in the story of Ernesto Che Guevara as a revolutionary martyr has gained new momentum with the publication of his purported Bolivian notebooks by the Cuban Government.

In addition to the publication yesterday by Ramparts magazine of an English translation of the Cuban copy of the diary, Evergreen Review is coming out Friday with a collection of Guevara documents its editors obtained in Bolivia.

The Evergreen account, for the first time, identifies a number of high-ranking Cuban officials who formed the hard core of Major Guevara's guerrilla movement, and were either captured or slain with him by the Bolivian army last October.

The Cubans included five majors, the highest rank of the Cuban army. They were first listed by El Amigo del Pueblo (Friend of the People), an anti-Castro monthly published by Pablo Martín, a Cuban exile.

Unlike Ramparts, Evergreen includes some of the coded messages exchanged between the guerrilla leaders and Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Editors Visit Bolivia

Barney Rosset, president, and Fred Jordan, editor of Evergreen Review, visited Bolivia to gather background material on Jules Regis Debray, the French Marxist intellectual who is serving a 30-year sentence on charges of taking part in the guerrilla movement. They acquired American rights to a history of the movement by a still undisclosed participant, for their book publishing concern, Grove Press, Inc.

Bantam Books, Inc., which specializes in speedy publication of topical books, announced yesterday that it would come out with a paperback edition of the Cuban version of the Guevara diary early next week. Oscar Dystel, president of Bantam, said he planned a first printing of more than 200,000 copies, of which about half would contain the original Spanish text as well as an English translation.

McGraw-Hill Book Company said it had called off its inconclusive negotiations for the American book rights to the documents held by the Bolivian Army high command.

Samuel D. Stewart, executive editor of McGraw-Hill's trade book division, said the company decided to drop publication plans after it failed to get copyright authorization from Aleida March de Guevara, the revolutionary leader's widow. Ramparts, which generally advocates radical causes, was one of the Western publications awarded the copyright by Premier Castro.

Some Messages Missing

Noting that numerous communications from Major Guevara and two other guerrilla leaders, Pombo and Rolando, were not contained in the Cuban papers, Sol Stein, president of Stein & Day, said he was planning to publish a book containing the complete version later this month. The book, "The Complete Bolivian Diaries of Che Guevara and Other Captured Documents", will be edited with an introduction by Daniel James, a writer on Latin American affairs.

Some of those documents seem to be included in the 29 fragments to be published in Friday's issue of Evergreen. They include a message from Premier Castro to Major Guevara suggesting plans for exchanging Mr. Debray, possibly for Maj. Huber Matos, who is serving a 30-year sentence in Cuba for his anti-Communist views.

Among the guerrilla leaders listed by Evergreen were 12 veterans of the Cuban revolution, four of them with the title of major, the highest rank in the Cuban army.